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Addendum

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Programme questions: proposed medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 (item 3 (b))

Programme 8. Africa: New Agenda for Development

1. At its 11th meeting, on 14 June 2000, the Committee considered programme 8, Africa: New Agenda for Development, of the proposed medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005.

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the programme and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion*

3. Strong support was expressed for the programme and its stated objective of advocacy on behalf of Africa to facilitate the region's economic recovery and sustainable development. It was stressed that the situation of Africa continued to be of great concern to the international community and that African development should continue to be a priority during the period 2002-2005.

4. In addition to its own efforts, it was emphasized that Africa needed effective and concrete assistance and that the international community should increase its technical and financial support to African countries. The importance of a just and equitable system that would enable Africa to be integrated in the world economy, and to take advantage of and benefit from globalization, was stressed. The challenges and opportunities arising from globalization should have been reflected in the programme narrative.

* Not discussed.

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5. It was considered that the information on the overall impact of the various initiatives on economic recovery and development in Africa should have been provided. The programme narrative should refer to the internationally agreed targets on resource flows.

6. It was noted that the indicators of achievement were too cautious and conservative and did not reflect the plight of Africa and the needs of the countries of the region. Under subprogrammes 1 and 2, indicators were not adequate yardsticks to measure the support of the international community.

7. The importance of micro-credit in fostering economic development was underlined and it was proposed that reference to it be included in the programme strategy.

8. It was observed that south-south cooperation should have been reflected more specifically, including an indication of concrete and practical examples of such cooperation.

Conclusions and recommendations

9. The Committee recommended that the General Assembly adopt programme 8 of the proposed medium-term plan for the period 2000-2005, subject to the following modifications:

(a) ***Paragraph 8.11***

In line 1, after the words "would include:" insert a new point (a) reading "(a) an increase in the level of resource flows to Africa (bearing in mind that there are various factors which will significantly impact the level of resources)"; and renumber the subsequent points of the paragraph accordingly;

(b) ***Paragraph 8.16***

(i) Delete point (b) and renumber the remaining points accordingly;

(ii) In points (c), (d), (e) and (f), after the words "the number", insert the words "and impact";

(c) ***Paragraph 8.18***

In the last sentence, after the words "occasional press kits and press releases" insert the words "and radio programmes — in local languages and with greater emphasis on local content —";

(d) ***Legislative mandates***

Under the heading *General Assembly resolutions*, after the second entry, insert "54/35 Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic"